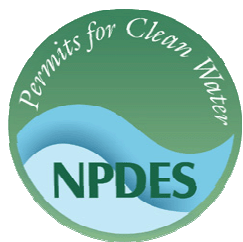




# **Illinois EPA – U.S. EPA Joint CAFO Training**

## **Proposed CAFO Reporting Rule**

**November 15, 2011**





# EPA Proposes to Collect Information

- EPA does not have facility-specific information for all CAFOs
- Facility-specific information would improve EPA's ability to effectively implement NPDES program
- Proposed rule on October 21, 2011
- Co-proposing two options for obtaining basic information from CAFOs



# Information requested

- Contact Information
  - owner/operator
  - authorized representative
- Location Information for Production Area
  - latitude and longitude
  - street address
- NPDES Permit Information
- Type and Number of Animals
- Land Application
  - numbers of acres available



# Two Proposals

- Option 1 requires every CAFO to report information to EPA, unless authorized states choose to provide information on behalf of CAFOs
- Option 2 requires CAFOs in focus watersheds to report information to EPA

# Option 1

- All CAFOs would be required to submit information
- Voluntary option for authorized states to submit information
- CAFO would not need to submit information where state successfully submitted complete information
- CAFOs with NPDES permit coverage submit information once
- CAFOs without NPDES coverage submit information every 10 years







## Option 2

- Only CAFOs in focus watersheds that have water quality concerns associated with CAFOs would be required to submit information
- Other criteria for identifying focus watershed
  - High priority watershed
    - vulnerable ecosystems
    - drinking water supply
    - high recreational value
    - outstanding natural resources water
  - Vulnerable soil types
  - High density of agriculture
  - Other relevant information



# Alternative Approaches for Gathering Information

- EPA is seeking comment on three alternative approaches
- Seeking comment on most effective and efficient way to collect information about CAFOs
- Minimize duplicative efforts



# Alternative Approaches for Gathering Information

- EPA Use of Existing Data Sources
  - Ag Census
  - ATTAINS
  - State data/mapping
- Alternative Mechanisms for Promoting Environmental Stewardship and Compliance
  - Expand network of outreach tools and compliance assistance
- State Reporting
  - State regulatory agencies submit information
  - CAFOs only report when states fail to provide necessary information





# How will information be submitted?

- Electronically
- Mailed hard copy



# Public Participation

- Published October 21
- 60-day comment period closes December 20
- Two webinars in November
  - November 9
  - November 17, 12:00 – 1:30 pm central time

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